

# Extraordinary lightning volume causes 136 new fires in 7 days

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Wildland Fire crews are responding to numerous priority wildfires across central and southern Yukon as lightning continues to start exceptional numbers of new fires. Since last Wednesday, June 29th, 21,671 lightning strikes have caused 136 new wildland fires – some of which have triggered tactical campground and highway closures and [community evacuation alerts](#).

This high level of lightning activity has been caused by a stable high-pressure weather pattern called a Rex block that has led to both hot weather and roving, isolated thunderstorms. While the forecast says conditions could shift later this week, Yukon's firefighters are working on major fires in every fire management district.

Extra firefighting resources from British Columbia, organized through the Canadian Inter-agency Forest Fire Centre, are working alongside the Yukon's firefighters. 6 3-person initial-attack crews, a 20-person unit crew and an airtanker group have reinforced the Yukon's 25 initial-attack crews and 2 airtanker groups. More resources are arriving this week.

Read about current fires of note at [yukon.ca/get-wildfire-updates](https://yukon.ca/get-wildfire-updates).

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